

THE EBENEZER MESSENGER — February 2020

Monthly newsletter of the Ebenezer Moravian Church
N8095 High Road – Watertown, WI 53094
920-206-0222 - Church



I don't know about you, but I am enjoying this winter so far. Yes, it may have started with snow on Halloween, but we have had a very mild rest of 2019 and start of 2020. I can handle this. I have only had the shovels out a handful of times and the snowsuits have not needed to be washed just yet. I like to say "I can handle this" when events happen unexpectedly in my favor. I can handle mild winters. I can handle extra desserts. I can handle free coffee or a few extra reps at the gym. The reality is, I can handle none of it. I like to think that it is me that deals with life, but honestly, I am quite bad at it. I get frustrated easily, worry a lot and often feel ashamed of my behavior or temper. I get annoyed with simple challenges and I am sad when even the smallest things change. I often think I am not a "good Christian" on more days than I might be a good one. I fear I teach my children bad habits and put too much pressure on them. I worry they will pick up my bad habits and I will continue to feel guiltier than I feel right now. Life can be lonely a lot, especially when we hold onto our own faults and feel isolated and alone.

Nobody told me how hard parenting would be. Nobody shared with me how challenging it is to raise human beings and how judged and lonely it can feel. Nobody shared how much it really costs and how much guilt we feel when their worlds are not perfect or happy. Why do we do this? Why do we burden ourselves with so much when the reality is far different than our own perceptions? Where do we find relief, release, peace?

First, give yourself a break. Nobody is perfect. Nobody. That mom you see with her kale chips and veggie juice secretly eats snickers bars by the handful in her closet. That dad you see with the kids running to him is the same one who has kids slamming doors and making threats. There is no perfect parent. Not since Jesus has there been a perfect follower of God. So understand you will screw up. You do have faults, failings and bad habits. You have a past, a history, a start. You do not need to be defined by the past nor stuck in your own bad notions of yourself. Instead, realize you are human. Over the years, I have learned a lot about myself; things I do not like and things that are not too bad. I know that I fail a lot, I also know that I ask forgiveness. I think this is more important than getting it right.

Over the years, both my spouse and I have fought and asked for forgiveness, struggled and apologized. It may not have happened quickly, but, to me, that is the secret to living a life well. It is not about getting things right or perfect, but about teaching how to apologize and how to forgive. Those two attributes may be more important than anything else in life. We all have times we need to apologize. We also all have times to forgive or work on forgiveness (it is a process). I am not perfect. God may have made me perfectly, but I feel often farther away from that perfection than ever before. It is then I realize, my calling is not perfection, but acknowledging my humanity and accepting my faults. Nobody is perfect. Nobody gets everything correct. Our job as parents and teachers is not to show perfection, but to show what to do in failure, in hurt, in misunderstanding and in life. My how this world would be different if we fought less, apologized more, and forgave everyone, including ourselves.



Monday, February 24th
for the
March Newsletter

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday  10am to 2 pm

Thursday 10am to 2 pm

Please contact Pastor Katie to make arrangements for other times.

REACHING OUT...

This is a list of members that may not be able to attend church regularly. Please feel free to contact them via mail. If you wish to have your contact information or someone close to you added, please contact Shelly Degrandt at (920)988-6281 or at degrandts@gmail.com.

Leroy Gronert, Sr.
Dycora Nursing Home
Apt. 201
430 Wilcox St.
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

Douglas Rabbach
Park Ridge (Zinzendorf)
1148 Bayberry Drive
Watertown, WI 53098

Joyce Kopp
317 Lauren Lane
Watertown, WI 53094

Carol Schultz
Park Terrace
1047 Hill Street, Room 2528
Watertown, WI 53098

Todd Hamann #627678
Thompson Correctional Center
434 State Farm Road
Deerfield, WI 53531-9562

NOISY OFFERING UPDATES

January - March 2020: Moravian Open Door



January to March, 2019 — \$132.27 to Helping Hands Fund
(Ebenezer)

April to June, 2019 — \$165.70 to Jefferson Senior Nutrition

July to September — \$127.48 to Haus of Peace

October to December — \$151.66 to Mount Morris

If you have any suggestions for future rotations, please share your idea with one of the Elders.



2: Eric Rein
2: Ken Kreuzcher
5: Megan Lippens
6: Thea Esther Maas
7: Amanda Schultz
12: Dianne Hamann
13: Doug Schefft
14: Glennis Zastrow
15: Paige Hamann
16: Trudy Krueger
19: Karol Wesemann
23: Emily Hamann
26: Carrie Finley
26: Dawn Westenberg
27: Scott Kopp
27: Roland & Karen Lee



SUNDAY SCHOOL VALENTINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Pancake
Breakfast**



On Sunday, February 9th at 8:45 am, come and eat pancakes for breakfast with the Sunday School.

All Ebenezer members are invited and are encouraged to invite a friend or relative to join us for food and fellowship.

A menu of pancakes and sausages will be served along with coffee, milk, and hot chocolate.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Church Council is February 2nd following worship and we need your voice and vote! We covered our budget in November, so now we are looking at our other resources, people and ministries. Join us to vote for our Joint Board, reps to local ministries, reviews of the past year and a chance to share visions for the future. Lunch will be provided. This is our annual opportunity to talk about Ebenezer and give direction for our boards to focus and ministries to follow.

Thank you for all your hard work in 2019 and we look forward to new and exciting places where God is leading Ebenezer Moravian Church.

GREETERS, LAY READERS & FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

If you are interested in being a greeter or lay reader, or hosting Fellowship Hour after the church service, please sign up.

The Elder on duty each month will pass around the clipboards before worship begins and will collect them at the end of announcements.

If you wish to sign up after the service is over, the clipboards will be in the Narthex.



Young Adult Bible Study FIELD TRIP TO MIDWINTER January 31-February 2

Join with camp friends near and far (or new friends) at Christian Faith in Deforest, WI. Midwinter is an amazing event, planned and run by the Regional Youth Council. Please go to the church camping website (wdcamping.com) to register. Cost for the whole event is \$45 and carpooling can be arranged by talking to Pastor Katie. This is a great weekend to get away, relax, and reconnect.

IF



Pastor Katie Van der Linden
(610) 442-3790

NOT AVAILABLE CONTACT

Tom Naatz, Vice-Elder Chair
(920) 699-3118

Jon Gehler, Trustee Chair
(920) 342-2945

EBENEZER KIDS RETURNS!

Join us on Wednesday, February 12 from 6-7:30 pm for our youth time for kids ages 6th grade and under. A Bible story, snacks, games and fun happen each month and we want you to be a part of it!

Friends always welcome and no need to RSVP. Bring your kids, go out for a bit and know they are safe and having fun!

PRAYER MINISTRY

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6.



If you would like to add a prayer request, please contact one of the Elders.

For prayer requests to be included in the weekly bulletin, please contact Pastor Katie (pastor.kvdl@gmail.com) BEFORE Wednesday of each week.

HOLY WEEK READINGS..... REVEALED!

Every year, Moravians around the world read the last days of Jesus' life in our "Readings for Holy Week" books. We read many parables and short stories and are often left confused as the books share the stories and move on. This year, we will talk about those stories. On Sundays, we will hear the scripture, then on Wednesday, we will enjoy a meal together and talk about the message. We can bring up questions or disagreements. We may wonder what the parable means or completely disagree with the messages shared. So often, in church, we hear but are never able to respond. This Lent, we have the chance to respond, stay, question and debate. All ages welcome!



USHER SCHEDULE

February 2:

Gregg & Linda Lippens
Craig Cahill
Trudi Wesemann

February 9 & 16:

Eric Rein
Allison Rein
Emmaleigh Rein

February 23:

Not available at time of printing

(Please contact Head Usher Alex Zubrod at 920-261-8289 if you would like to assist in this ministry.)

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United are planning the celebration of World Day of Prayer with a service on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 1 pm. St Paul's Episcopal Church has invited us to have our service there.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical group of Christian women who observe a common day of prayer and action early in March. This year's service was written by the women of Zimbabwe. We will learn of the location, culture, food and music of that country.

Please join us for this service and a time of fellowship.



LOAVES & FISHES

Contact Linda Lippens

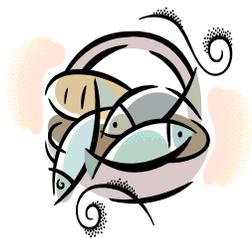
In partnership with the Watertown Moravian Church, we provide dinner for our community free of charge. The meal is served every Monday evening, except holidays, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Watertown Moravian Church, 510 Cole Street.

MEAL — February

3: Fish
10: Pork Roast
17: Hot turkey
24: Sloppy Joes

SERVERS — February

3: St. Paul's
10: White Stone
17: Watertown Moravian
24: 4-H



MENU SUB-

CHANGE

JECT TO



BOARD MEMBERS

ELDERS: 2019-2020

Pastor Katie: Chair

(610) 442-3790

Pastor.kvdl@gmail.com

Tom Naatz: Vice Chair

(920) 699-3118

tanacer@charter.net

Tammy Meyer: Secretary

(920) 342-3849

rtmeyer6971@yahoo.com

Linda Lippens: Communication

(920) 253-8137

lindalippens@charter.net

Theresa Vesper: Musician Liaison

920-342-8021

tlynnr83@gmail.com.

Trudy Krueger: Visitation

(920) 220-9626

3djtkrueger@charter.net

TRUSTEES: 2019-2020

John Gehler: Chair

(920) 342-2945

Gehler.ja2@gmail.com

John Vesper: Vice Chair

920-248-6910

johnvesper.jv@gmail.com

Anne Davies-Walsh: Secretary

(920) 699-2884

adwcs@tds.net

Megan Weihert: CEF Representative

(920) 253-8139

lippensm@live.com

Kris Kerr

(920) 261-1523

4malsmom@gmail.com

"TENTATIVE" Schedule



Practices:

Wednesday, February 5 & 19 @ 6:30pm

Singing:

Sunday, February 9 & 23

Watch for updates in the bulletin, next newsletter or e-mail.

AGAPE MEAL SIGN-UP!

Each year during Lent, we gather at 5:15pm on Wednesday evenings to enjoy dinner and discussion. Meals are simple and satisfying.

Grab a friend or invite your family to help with preparing a meal for about 20-25 people. A stipend of \$50 is available to cover the cost of the meal.

Please sign up in the Narthex and talk to Pastor Katie to request the reimbursement.

amazonsmile

You shop. Amazon gives.

The Moravian Church



CALL TO THE 2020 SYNOD OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT MORAVIAN CHURCH

Western District Synod will convene at Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center

Thursday, April 23 to Sunday, April 26, 2020

Registration will be from 3pm to 5:30pm on Thursday. Synod will conclude the following Sunday morning worship. A detailed schedule will be distributed to all delegates as we near the time for Synod.

CONGREGATIONAL REPRESENTATION: Using the 2017 Annual Report, Ebenezer will have 2 representatives.

A special church council meeting will be held **November 17th** to approve the budget and elect the synod representatives.



AND



To meet our 2019 budget, weekly offerings need to be approximately \$2,400. Thank you for your consideration.

December 15: 81 — \$2,755.30



December 22: 51 — \$1,527.74



December 24:

135 (7pm)

14 (11pm)

\$1,999.50 (7pm)



December 29: 42 — \$3,191



January 5: 51 — \$2,555.15



January 12: 25 — \$1,380.00



Anne Davies-Walsh, Trustee

ON LINE GIVING

Ebenezer now has online giving enabled through the Moravian Ministries Foundation because we are an investor in the Common Fund.

Here's the link: <https://mmfa.info/ebenezer-moravian-church-donation-form/>

This is your one-stop, 24/7 online giving destination. You can now give at any time from the convenience of your home.

Online giving can be a way for members, friends and family to support Ebenezer.

As an added benefit, it allows giving to Ebenezer from afar. You can make memorial gifts in lieu of flowers, honor a loved one, schedule tithing, and more.

Payments will be made to Ebenezer monthly, at no cost to the church.

ACTIVITY GROUP "A"

Leaders Bob (920-342-4304) &
 Tammy (920-342-3849) Meyer
 AND

JoAnn Draheim - (920) 285-8978 OR
 (920) 285-9983

November 2019 -- January 2020

Karissa Bender - (920) 342-3347

Kaylin Bender - (920) 285-6984

Shari Bender - (920) 285-6984

Pat Counsell - (920) 261-2730

Kris Kerr - (920) 261-1523

MaryLou Kopp - (920) 261-2096

Scott & Christine Kopp - (920) 253-1919

Bob & Tammy Meyer - (920) 342-3849

Arlene Molly - (920) 699-2133

Dorothy Rein - (920) 261-4269

Allison Rein - (920) 206-1411

Emmaleigh Rein - (920) 206-1411

Eric & Tracey Rein - (920) 206-1411

Lee & Tracy Saxby - (920) 261-6251

Carol Schultz

Everett, Jr. & Judith Strauss - (920) 261-2006

Ken & Linda Strauss - (920) 262-0094

Aaron & Katie Van der Linden - (610) 442-3790

Joe & Anne Walsh - (920) 699-2884

Donald & Karol Wesemann - (920) 261-7388

Trudi Wesemann - (920) 342-4133

ACTIVITY GROUP "B" — Co-Leaders

Dennis & Linda Rabbach (920-699-3781)
 AND

Tom & Virginia Naatz (920-699-3118)

February - April 2020

Nathan & Angela Baum - (920) 988-2230

Chris Bender - (920) 342-4218

John & Nancy Braatz - (920) 261-4333

Carol Britts - (920) 261-9493

Seth Brown & Teaya - (920) 220-0166

Bohdi Degrandt - (920) 342-5277 OR
 (920) 988-6281 (Shelly)

Joe & Shelly Degrandt - (920) 699-2178

Jillian Degrandt - (920) 342-1289

Jon Gehler - (920) 342-2945

Amanda Harris - (920) 248-9304

Sue Kopp - (920) 699-3504

Darrick Krueger

Dalton Krueger - (920) 220-9626

Darrin & Trudy Krueger - (920) 220-9626

Tom & Ginny Naatz - home - (920) 699-3118

Tim & Julie Pattengale - (920) 988-6130

Dennis & Linda Rabbach - (920) 699-3781

Douglas Rabbach

Barbara Rich - (920) 421-3133

Jozelle Roberts - (920) 248-9304

Andy Roberts - (920) 285-4723

Theresa & John Vesper - (920) 941-0152

Charles & Judy Wesemann - (920) 261-6880

Emma Wegner - (920) 285-1370

Yolanda Yahn - (920) 253-6617

ACTIVITY GROUP "C" — Co-Leaders

Linda (920-253-8137) & Gregg Lippens
 (920-253-8136) HOME: (920-261-2061)

AND

Doug (920-285-1045) & Kris (920-285-1048)
 Schefft

August - October 2019

Scott & Jill Beerbohm - (920) 988-4714

Chris Cahill - (920) 699-2867

Craig & Melissa Cahill - (920) 699-2867

Robert Hahn - (920) 261-5849

Bob & Dianne Hamann - (920) 261-6685

Todd Hamann

Travis & Emily Hamann - (920) 262-8257

Joyce Kopp - (920) 261-7972

Greg & Linda Lippens - (920) 261-2061

Kari & Matt Maass - (920) 253-7297

Francis & Kathie Orval - (414) 416-0225

Reinhold Petig - (920) 261-6892

William Petig - (920) 261-2486

Doug & Kris Schefft - (920) 285-1048

Clifford & Dianne Schuett - (920) 261-9120

Carole Schumacher - (920) 261-2005

Diane Tuhy - (920) 253-1481

Megan Weihert - (920) 253-8139

Bob & Dawn Westenberg - (920) 261-7068

Glennis Zastrow - (920) 261-3731

LAST UPDATE: January 2019

Watchwords for 2020

GROUP	BIBLE VERSE
Activity Group A	Blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Matthew 13:16
Activity Group B	Who is a rock besides our God? Psalm 18:31
Activity Group C	Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1
Band	Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you. Zephaniah 3:14-15
Book Club	Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 2 Timothy 1:10
CEF	Lord, I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. Psalm 118:21
Cemetery Board	I had said in my alarm, 'I am driven far from your sight.' But you heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help. Psalm 31:22
Choir	I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. Isaiah 65:1
Cleaning Crew	Give thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. Colossians 1:12
Congregation	Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Psalm 33:22
Couples Group	May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6
Elders	Give thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:20
Financial Secretary	It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the most high God has performed for me. Daniel 4:2 NIV
Greeters	God who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Romans 8:32
Loaves and Fishes	Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand." John 10:27-28
Moravian Kids	No one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation in Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:11
Moravian Women	Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Matthew 6:8
Musicians	Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. Isaiah 40:28
Newsletter Editor	For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Romans 11:36
Pastor	Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! For he commanded, and they were created. Psalm 148:3,5
Praise Ministry	There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might. Jeremiah 10:6
Pulpit Supply	Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. Revelation 3:20
Shared Community Mission	The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Isaiah 40:5
Southern Wisconsin Moravians for Missions	To his saints God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:26-27
Sunday School	We have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. 1 John 4:14
Treasurer	I lie down and sleep, I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.

Trustees	Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:2
Ushers	We have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. 1 Timothy 4:10
Vacation Bible School	How great are God's signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation. Daniel 4:3 NIV
Watertown Food Pantry	We your people, the flock of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise. Psalm 79:13
Youth Group	Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Romans 12:12

MEMBER RE-CONNECTIONS ... Still Going Strong

Thank you so much for your continued support of our member reconnection program. Many of you have gotten into the habit of signing our pew pads regularly. We appreciate that. It has been wonderful to reach out and check in on members we don't get to see very often. We hope everyone has gotten a call and apologize if we have not yet connected. We have discovered that some of our contact info is not up-to-date. So please, if you get this newsletter and have not been contacted or been to church recently, please email or call the church and share your phone number with us. We do have a few that we have tried and we have not been able to locate direct contact info. Please check on your church friends and family as well. We do not share your contact info and have no marketing ploys to give out your info. We simply want to connect and check in, remind you that we care and make sure you are OK. Thanks for helping us and the elders are quite happy checking in on our members.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer requests or want to be included on the Ebenezer Prayer Chain, please contact Pastor Katie Van der Linden at (610) 442-3790 OR pastor.kvdl@gmail.com.

The most important thing to remember is to have permission of the person or family before you request it be included on the Prayer Chain. Also, please be sure to just give facts and don't add any rumors or assumptions. Please use any information you get just for the prayer request.

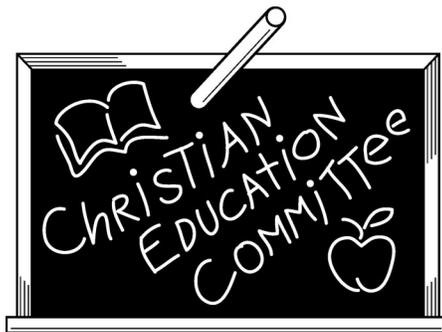


HELPING HANDS – SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPE

The Joint Board has added four special offering envelopes, so you can give to a specific Ebenezer ministry. They are included in with your 2020 weekly offering envelopes.

The first of the special envelopes is designated for the Helping Hands Fund. All gifts in the envelopes will go to the Helping Hands Fund which is an Ebenezer ministry that helps anyone in need. Members and non-members have contacted the church, and through the Helping Hands Fund, we're able to provide assistance with rent, food, car repairs, gas, and other bills they are struggling to pay. In 2019, we distributed \$965 to people who needed help paying a bill.

We will accept gifts for Helping Hands throughout the year, so hold onto the envelope, and place it in the offering plate when you are able. Any gifts given in a special envelope throughout the year will be listed on your contributions statement. If you would like to give an additional gift, just label it as "Helping Hands" and we will make sure that it is deposited into the fund. Thank you for support of a great Ebenezer ministry that allows us to help those having financial difficulties. If you or someone you know needs some financial assistance, please contact Pastor Katie. She will work with anyone that asks for help, and anyone receiving assistance will remain anonymous.



CEF MEETING Held January 9, 2020

Attending: Tom, Megan, Kris and Pastor Katie

Tom opened with devotions from Zero Gravity.

Minutes were reviewed and approved

Reports

- ◆ Sunday School resumes with same teachers. Anne Walsh and John Vesper are adding support as substitute teachers. There is no class on February 2nd and the Valentines breakfast is February 9th at 8:45.
- ◆ Music: Choir on break but Praise Music to resume at the beginning of service
- ◆ Trustees: update on parsonage repairs as basement is complete. We are looking at new phone service as well as a new computer for the office. They are also purchasing a safe.
- ◆ Elders: The calendar for the next few months reviewed including Love Feast/Jeopardy; Church Council, Pancake Breakfast, Lent beginning February 26th.
- ◆ Joint board: review the theft at church and moving forward
- ◆ Moravian Women: they had 7 women attending a breakfast and there is an event on January 18th at the 1st Congregational Church and the Day of Justice.
- ◆ Among Friends: Game night and potluck on March 13th.
- ◆ Youth and Ebenezer Kids: the next event is January 19th. Midwinter retreat is January 31st in DeForest.
- ◆ Newsletter: Articles due to Dawn on January 20th
- ◆ Shared Communities Mission: 33 families and 94 children were served in 2019.
- ◆ Activity Group: Leaders will meet and review groups, as is done yearly

Agenda Additions:

- ◆ The next book club meeting is January 28th at Herons Landing in Jefferson.
- ◆ Trudi W. is assisting with the Valentines boxes for students, and there are 3 this year.
- ◆ The Reverse Advent boxes were well received by all.
- ◆ Adopt a family supported 9 families and 14 children. Tom has an extra \$98 which will be available for next years program.
- ◆ The Couples retreat is the weekend of January 24th and they still need one couple.

Next meeting is February 13th at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine Schefft



**Adult
Sunday School
Class**

October 8th started a study of the Apocrypha. You are invited to come at 8:45am Sunday class meets in the Library.



Ebenezer Board of Elders Minutes January 8, 2020

The minutes were not available for this newsletter and will be in the March edition.

**** February Elder of the Month – Theresa Vesper****

Prayer Reboot Workshop

Why Do I Pray and Why Don't I Pray?



February 15, 2020

9:30-11:30 am

London Moravian Church
Presented by Dan Behrend

Who Should Attend?

- People who no longer pray as much as they used to.
- People who question prayer.
- People who are disappointed and discouraged by unanswered prayers.
- People who want to better understand the mystery of prayer.
- People who want to improve their prayer life.
- People who want to break the habit of not praying.

Objectives for Each Attendee

- To provide you a reason to pray more.
- To remove some of the obstacles to prayer.
- To better understand God and the power of prayer.

Please send questions/topics you would like addressed to dbehrend44@gmail.com



Please help keep our website updated with current pictures of church activities, ministries, church grounds and church facilities. We are also looking for new group pictures of the church boards and committees.

Send pictures as jpg files to Dawn Westenberg at dawn22658@gmail.com. We desperately need to update the photographs currently on our website.



Ebenezer Trustees Meeting Minutes December 16, 2019 6 pm

Attendees: Jon Gehler, Pastor Katie, Anne Davies-Walsh

Devotions: Jon read from Henri Nouwan

November Minutes: Approved by consensus.

Pastor's Report: Discussed things Katie did for the past month.

Financial Report: Some questions out to Diane Hamann. Currently we are behind on Common ministries payments a total of \$5039.64

Old Business

1. Phones & Internet: Katie contacted AT&T and US Cellular for quotes. If US Cellular can convert our service then it will go to \$128/month (must be able to transfer our numbers and use landlines). **Kris Kerr** provide ATT PIN number.
2. Basement Speakers: **Anne** to contact Mike Allison from Sound Haven.
3. Badger Basement Update: Done!!! Window well covers need to be fastened but otherwise complete.
4. New Computer and PowerChurch Plus Software: **Anne** purchase by the need of the year. Access MCNP.org to see what is needed to open documents. Power Church needs Windows 10.
5. Church Mailboxes: Theresa Vesper is updating.
6. Piano tuning: sanctuary two done in November. Front spinet needs action grommets replaced during the next tuning (approx. \$60 cost.)

New Business

1. Parsonage Basement Renovation: Aaron asked to modify the basement to add storage and facilitate a work area. No cost to the church. Board of Trustees approved.
2. Christmas Eve Offering: go to General Fund.
3. 2020 Retirement Benefits Assessment Form: **Jon Gehler** fill out and send into the District.
4. Trustee Report for Church Council Packet: **Jon Gehler** send Anne notes by end of year. **Anne** compile and submit to Dawn by January 8. Include Joint Board minutes.

Other Business

1. Church Council meeting scheduled after church February 2 2020.
2. Approved Ebenezer as a stop for the RAGNAR Race May 16 2020. Time slot: 3:45 a.m. to noon. \$650 donation to the church.
3. Dodge County Senior Nutrition use our facilities. Approved by elders. They have 3 warmers and 2 tables to be used and stored. Food dropped off to church at 9 am and picked up by drivers at 10:30 am using the Heiser Hall. Equipment returned to church by 1:30 pm. They provided contract and proof of insurance. January 17 they would move stuff over. **Jon Gehler** speak with Higgins regarding the snow plowing during the week.
4. Annual report for the denomination is out. **Jon Gehler** to talk with Trudi and Diane to figure out what we need to provide to create for the church.
5. Katie mentioned she will be a part time trainer at the YMCA for 2 hours a week.
6. Township of Watertown needs to fix access to small lot on NE corner of High and Ebenezer. **Jon Gehler** contact Township.
7. Parsonage repair needed: corner post on front porch needs replacement. Asking Scott Beerbohm about what is needed.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 21st @ 6 pm

Minutes submitted by, Anne Davies-Walsh

**** February Trustee of the Month – Kris Kerr****

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
COMING EVENTS: March 8: Board of Elders after church service (April move back to regular date and time) April 23-26: 2020 Synod of Western District @ Mt. Morris						1 Mid-Winter Retreat @ Christian Faith Moravian, DeForest — Jan. 31 to Feb. 2
2 8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship 10:15am Sunday School Care package assembly during Sunday School 11am Church Council meeting — Lunch provid- ed	3 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes	4	5 9am Moravian Women 6pm Board of Elders	6	7	8
9 8:45am Pancake Break- fast 8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship NO Sunday School 11am Fellowship	10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes	11	12 6-7:30pm Ebenezer Kids	13 6pm CEF	14 BDCleaning	15
16 8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11am Fellowship 6-7:30pm Youth Group Bible Study	17 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes	18 6pm Trustees	19	20	21	22
23 8:45am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11am Fellowship	24 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes	25	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30pm Meal 6:15pm Service	27	28 BDCleaning	29

Ebenezer Moravian Church
N8071 High Road
Watertown, WI 53094

RETURN ADDRESS REQUESTED

“**Holy**,
holy, holy
is the **Lord** God
Almighty,
who was,
and is, and is
to come.”

Revelation 4:8